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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

YANOFSKY et al.

Application No.: 09/981,087

Filed: October 15, 2001

For: SELECTIVE CONTROL OF
LIGNIN BIOSYNTHESIS IN
TRANSGENIC PLANTS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 9499

Examiner: AD Mehta

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 30, 2003 for the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A terminal disclaimer accompanies this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.